



Professional Learning Module
Developing a Reflective Practice through Quality Teaching and Learning

Effective Educators

Effective educators have a **love for children and enthusiasm for teaching**. They have a desire to make a difference in the lives of young children and are driven to help them meet their basic developmental milestones.



Effective educators have **patience and embrace the energy and curiosity of young children**.

They are ready to face similar challenges every day and stay focused on the end goal of addressing individual needs of their children. Educators who have patience and a sense of humor will keep the learning environment balanced and calm.

Effective educators are **creative and flexible and react positively to unpredictable situations**. They make learning fun and exciting and relate lessons to children's lives and current stage of development. Educators who are planned and organized are able to handle what may happen and will make every day positive for their children.



Effective educators **respect the unique qualities of all their children**. All children are different and effective educators will embrace individual personalities, learning styles, ethnicities and cultures that are represented in the classroom. An effective educator will create an open and exciting learning atmosphere including all children equally.

Effective educators are **good listeners and demonstrate exceptional communication skills** when working with both children and families. Children are like sponges but are new to learning; educators must be able to communicate with young learners on their level.

It is important to communicate with families to help guide them to finding teachable moments with their young children.